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(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Steven M. Shepard

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For: Method and Apparatus for Detecting Kissing  
Unbond Defects

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.